(c) whether, in view of the information given by the U.S. Government and considering the (i) overall change in the political scenario world over (ii) the policy of non-aligned becoming irrelevant and (iii) Pakistan's continuous aid to secessionist elements to destabilise the country, widening the gulf in the bilateral relations between the two countries, Government have considered the desirability of a shift in the nuclear policy to meet any eventuality; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Passports of Indians seized in Saudi Arabia

899. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that passports of Indians working in Saudi Arabia have been seized by the Government of that country in order to prevent them from leaving that country due to Gulf War; and

(b) the action taken by Government for the restoration of passports by the Saudi authorities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no report of the seizure of the passport of any Indian national by the Government of Saudi Arabia due to Gulf war.

(b) Does not arise.

Adnan Khashoggi's visit to India

900. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an arms dealer, Adnan Khashoggi, recently visited India;

(b) if so, what was the purpose of his visit;

(c) whether Khashoggi met the Prime Minister and offered his services to solve the Gulf problem;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Mr. Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi national recently visited India. The visit was a private one.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

गंगा कार्यवाही योजना के अन्तर्गत कार्यक्रम

901. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गंगा कार्यवाही योजना के अन्तर्गत वाराणसी तथा इलाहाबाद में गंगा को प्रदूषण-रहित बनाने से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री, साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (डा. सुब्रह्मण्यन स्वामी) : गंगा कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत वाराणसी तथा इलाहाबाद में गंगा को प्रदूषण रहित बनाने के लिए की गई, स्कीमवार प्रगति क्रमश: विवरण I एवं II में दी गई है ।